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WEST VIRGINIA 2003 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

WEST VIRGINIA -- Wheat planted acres totaled 12,000 in 2003, unchanged from 2002. Area harvested for grain totaled 7,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The average yield for 2003 was estimated to be 41.0 bushels per acre. This was down 7 bushels from the previous year. Production was estimated at 287,000 bushels, down 15 percent from 2002.

Winter wheat seedings for the 2004 crop are estimated at 8,000 acres, down 4,000 acres, or 33 percent, from 2003.

All forage area harvested acres totaled 558,000, down 6 percent from 2002. Dry equivalent yield averaged 2.05 tons per acre, up 0.16 tons from the previous year. Total dry equivalent production was 1,142,000 tons, up 2 percent. All forage production includes haylage and greenchop production converted to a dry weight equivalent basis (13 percent moisture) along with dry hay production.

All alfalfa forage area harvested totaled 48,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2002. Dry equivalent yield averaged 2.77 tons per acre, up 0.26 ton. Total dry equivalent production was 133,000 tons, unchanged from 2002.

All hay harvested area in 2003 totaled 545,000 acres, down 25,000 from 2002. The average yield of 1.95 tons per acre was up slightly from 1.86 tons the previous year. Production totaled 1.063 million tons, up from 1.021 million tons in 2002. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** was 957,000 tons, up 23,000 tons from the previous year.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 45,000 acres in 2003, down 5,000 acres from 2002. Yields in 2003 averaged 2.5 tons per acre, unchanged from 2002. Production totaled 113,000 tons, down 12,000 from 2002. New seedings of alfalfa in 2003 are estimated at 5,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2002 seedings.

All other hay area harvested totaled 500,000 acres in 2003, down 20,000 acres from 2002. Yields averaged 1.9 tons per acre, up 0.1 ton from 2002. Production totaled 950,000 tons, up 1 percent from the previous year.

Area planted to **corn** for all purposes in 2003 totaled 48,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 27,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2002. The average yield of 115.0 bushels per acre was up 10 bushels from the previous year's yield. Production was 3.11 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2002.

Corn for silage area harvested was 19,000 acres in 2003, unchanged from 2002. Yields averaged 15.5 tons per acre which was down 1.0 ton from the previous year's yield. Silage production was estimated at 295,000 tons, down 6 percent from 2002.

Burley tobacco area harvested totaled 1,200 acres in 2003, down 100 acres from the previous year. Yields averaged 1,300 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from 2002. Production for burley tobacco totaled 1.56 million pounds in 2003, down 20 percent from last year.

Area planted to **soybeans** totaled 16,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2002. Area harvested for beans totaled 15,000 acres, also down 2,000 acres from the previous year. The yield for soybeans in 2003 averaged 41.0 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the previous year. Production was estimated at 615,000 bushels, down 2 percent from 2002.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 622,000 acres in 2003, down 29,000 acres from 2002. Area harvested totaled 614,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from 2002. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans and wheat, and acres harvested for hay and tobacco.

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UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 2.34 billion bushels, up 44%.
- Winter wheat production - 1.71 billion bushels, up 49%.
- 2004 winter wheat seedings - 43.5 million acres, down 3% from 2003.
- 2003 alfalfa seedings - 3.12 million acres, down 5% from 2002.
- Alfalfa hay production - 76.3 million tons, up 3%.
- All other hay production - 80.8 million tons, up 5%.
- All hay production - 157 million tons, up 4%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 78.7 million acres, down fractionally.
- Corn for grain harvested area - 71.1 million acres, up 3%.
- Corn for grain production - 10.1 billion bushels, up 12%, largest on record.
- Corn for grain yield - 142.2 bushels per acre, up 12.2 bushels, largest on record.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.53 million acres, down 13%.
- Corn for silage production - 106 million tons, up 1%.
- Corn for silage yield - 16.2 tons per acre, up 2.2 tons.
- Soybean production - 2.42 billion bushels, down 12%, lowest since 1996.
- All tobacco production - 831 million pounds, down 5%.
- Oats production - 145 million bushels, up 22%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 325.3 million acres, down 1%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 307.2 million acres, up 2%.

U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2003.

- Hay stocks on-farm - 110.8 million tons, up 7%.
- Corn stocks on-farm - 5.29 billion bushels, up 10%.
- Corn stocks off-farm - 2.66 billion bushels, down 6%.
- All wheat stocks on-farm - 492 million bushels, up 28%.
- All wheat stocks off-farm - 1.03 billion bushels, up 10%.
- Soybean stocks on-farm - 820 million bushels, down 30%.
- Soybean stocks off-farm - 866 million bushels, down 8%.
- Oats stocks on-farm - 64.3 million bushels, up 22%.
- Oats stocks off-farm - 54.9 million bushels, up 7%.